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In re Patent Application of:
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For: METHOD FOR OBTAINING A HIGH
PRESSURE ACID GAS STREAM BY
REMOVAL OF THE ACID GASES FROM A
FLUID STREAM (AS AMENDED)

Examiner: T. C. Vanoy

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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Applicants herewith submit the citations that were listed on form SB/08 submitted with the May 9, 2006 Information Disclosure Statement, but were inadvertently not forwarded with that filing.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(ii), Applicant has not submitted copies of U.S. patents and U.S. patent applications. Applicant submits herewith copies of foreign patents and non-patent literature in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2).

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The relevance of citations BA-BC is found at their respective English-language abstracts. The relevance of citation BE is found at the enclosed English-language abstract. The relevance of citation BF and BG is found at their enclosed English-language abstract, respectively, and at page 4, lines 41-42, of Applicants' disclosure. The relevance of citation BH is found at its enclosed English-language abstract, at citation AB, which is a counterpart thereof, and at page 4, lines 41-42, of Applicants' disclosure.

Citation AA is a counterpart of citation BI.

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It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

Applicants concurrently herewith submit a payment in the amount of \$180.00 covering the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p). The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 03-2775, under Order No. 12810-00248-US1.

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